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NEW SHOREHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

CHANTRY HOUSE,
SHOREHAM-by-SEA.
16th January, 1947.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report as Acting Medical Officer of Health for the year 1946, prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

During the past year 36 vessels, with a tonnage of 5,792 have arrived from foreign ports, and 709 coastwise vessels, with a tonnage of 253,237, have entered the Port. These figures compare with 19 foreign arrivals (4,437 tons) and 506 coastwise arrivals (176,125 tons) for the previous year. The foreign arrivals show an increase of 17 vessels (1,355 tons), and coastwise arrivals show an increase of 203 vessels (77,112 tons), the combined totals being an increase of 220 vessels (78,467 tons). There have been no passenger vessels, and fishing vessels are not included in these totals.

The following tables give details of the above arrivals :

1. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR

Table A.

		Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number reported to be defective	Number of vessels on which defects were remedied	Number of vessels reported as having, or having had, during the voyage infectious disease on board.
				By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Sanitary Inspector			
Foreign	Steam	3	1,194	0	2	0	0	0
	Motor	33	4,598	0	24	0	0	0
	Sail	Nil	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Fishing	Nil	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Total Foreign	36	5,792	0	26	0	0	0
Coastwise	Steam	391	190,532	1	80	3	3	0
	Motor	318	62,705	1	32	0	0	0
	Sail	Nil	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Fishing	No record	--	--	--	--	--	--
	Total Coastwise	709	253,237	2	112	3	3	0
	Total Foreign & Coastwise	745	259,029	2	138	3	3	0

Nationality of Vessel	No.	Places of Discharge			No.
British	689	The Basin		Hove	22
		Anglo-American Wharf		"	1
Dutch	45	Shell-Mex	"	"	50
		Halls	"	"	24
		Baltic	"	Portslade	2
Swedish	5	Wimpeys	"	"	4
		Gas	"	"	158
French	4	Preston	"	"	115
		Regent	"	"	52
Norwegian	1	Cleveland	"	Southwick	4
		Electricity	"	"	125
		Penneys	"	"	3
Greek	1	Turberville	"	"	73
		Beves	"	Shoreham	1
		Kingston	"	"	17
		Chemical	"	"	10
		New	"	"	82
		Free	"	"	2
	745				745

II. CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT

(a) Passenger Traffic

Passenger steamer traffic to Brighton and Worthing has not been resumed.

(b) Cargo Traffic

Imports of foreign goods have been bricks (21 cargoes), and timber (7 cargoes).

Coastwise cargoes have been principally coal (387 cargoes), from Queenborough, Goole, Hull, Hartlepool, Seaham, Sunderland, Tyne Ports, Blyth, Berry, Port Talbot, and Swansea, and oil (241 cargoes) from Southampton and Plymouth.

Other coastwise arrivals include 47 cargoes of slag and stone from Middlesborough, Newlyn, Porthoustock, and Berry Head, and tar from Poole.

Exports during the year comprise 32 cargoes of scrap iron to Middlesborough, Grangemouth, and Ardrossan, 11 cargoes of tar and pitch to Southampton, Rouen and Oporto, and flax to Ghent and Hamburg.

(c) Foreign Ports from which vessels have arrived

CHANNEL ISLANDS:-	Jersey
FRANCE :-	Granville, Cherbourg, Lorient.
BELGIUM :-	Antwerp
HOLLAND :-	Amsterdam, Rotterdam.
GERMANY :-	Hamburg
DENMARK :-	Naestved
SWEDEN :-	Skoghall, Karlstad, Kristinehamn.
FINLAND :-	Borga.

III. SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY

The water supply for the Port and for shipping is from the Brighton Corporation Waterworks. There are no water boats used at the Port.

IV. PORT SANITARY REGULATIONS, 1933

All vessels from foreign ports are boarded by H.M. Customs Officers immediately on arrival, and any case of existing or suspected infectious disease is notified by telephone. Declarations of Health are received from the Masters of foreign going ships by the Customs Officers and handed to the Sanitary Inspector. Inquiries are also made as to the existence of infectious disease on foreign and coastwise vessels during the routine inspections.

A mooring station has been designated as required by Article 10 of these Regulations, and is situate in the Southwick Canal immediately west of the old locks. The provision of an additional mooring station outside the harbour is considered to be impracticable.

No special action has been required under Articles 14 and 16 of these Regulations respecting the Detention of Ships, and Restrictions on boarding and leaving Ships.

No arrangements have been made for special premises and waiting room for medical examination. Such would have to be improvised if occasion should arise.

There is no station provided for the cleansing, disinfection and disinfestation of infectious or verminous persons and their clothing, but facilities could be promptly obtained, if required, by arrangement with a neighbouring Sanitary Authority.

No arrangement has been made for the provision of temporary accommodation of persons for whom such may be required under the Regulations.

The Port Health Authority have an agreement with the Brighton Corporation for the removal and isolation of cases of infectious disease arriving at the Port, a motor ambulance being available for removals.

Facilities are available for the bacteriological examination of rats or other specimens at the Ralli Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton.

Printed cards stating the place and time of Venereal Clinics available in the district have been given to the Masters of vessels for the information of the crews.

Table C.

Cases of Infectious Disease landed from Vessels.

Disease	No. of cases during the year	Average No. of cases for previous 5 years
Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

No cases of infectious disease have been reported as occurring on vessels during the voyage and disposed of prior to arrival.

V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS

Inspections and enquiries have been made in respect of rat infestation, and evidence of rat infestation has been found on two coastwise vessels on which five brown rats were destroyed. No further infestation was found on these vessels. Rat guards are available for use when required to prevent the passage of rats between ships and shore.

No facilities are available locally for deratisation by gassing, but a supply of poison is kept, and arrangements could be promptly made for the services of a rat catcher if required.

No "infected" or 'suspected" vessel from plague infected ports has arrived during the year.

The port is not on the list of ports approved by the Ministry of Health for the issue of Deratisation and Deratisation Exemption Certificates in accordance with the provisions of

Articles 28 of the International Sanitary Convention of 1926.

VI. HYGIENE OF CREW SPACES

Table J.

Classification of Nuisances

Nationality of vessel	Number inspected during the year	Defects of original construction	Structural defects through wear and tear.	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health
British	102	0	3	2
Other Nations	36	0	0	0

Three notices have been served in respect of the defects or nuisances found, all of which have been remedied.

VII. FOOD INSPECTION

No food cargoes have arrived at the port during the year.

Public Notices have been posted forbidding the removal or taking for sale of any shell-fish from the Harbour and the waters of the river Adur between the entrance to the Harbour and the town of Shoreham-by-Sea. One instance of selling shell-fish taken from the prohibited area has been observed, and a warning has been given to the vendor. Local Authorities in the area have been notified of the provisions of the Order as to Shell-fish.

VIII. STAFF

The Staff of the Authority are part-time officers. I have acted as Medical Officer of Health since the retirement of Dr. A. G. K. Ledger. The Sanitary Inspector, Mr. J. W. Thurman, is also the Sanitary Inspector for the Shoreham-by-Sea Urban District Council.

Mr. A. H. Holt, Housing Manager of the County Borough of Brighton, acts as assistant Sanitary Inspector for the Port Health Authority for duties at Brighton, and Mr. T. A. Eardley, Sanitary Inspector to the Southwick Urban District Council, is the deputy Sanitary Inspector.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks to Mr. Thurman for the great help he has afforded me, and to the Officer in charge of Customs for his valued co-operation at all times.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

ANTHONY J. PARTRIDGE,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
New Shoreham Port Health Authority.